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REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 9-12, 21-24, 29, 30, 32, 40, 42, 46 and 47 have been amended. Claims 1-8, 13-20, 25-28, 34-39 and 41 have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Accordingly, claims 9-12, 21-24, 29-33, 40 and 42-47 are now pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks:

Applicants are amending the application to rewrite all of the objected to subject matter in independent form and to cancel all the rejected claims.

Specifically, Applicants have amended claim 10 to include all the limitations of claims 4 and 8. The Applicants have also amended dependent claims 9, 11 and 12 to modify the dependency from so as to now depend from independent claim 10. Claim 10 and all the claims depending from it are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants have also amended claim 22 to include all the limitations of claims 16 and 20. Dependent claims 21, 23 and 24 have been amended to modify the dependency so as to depend from independent claim 22. Claim 22 and all the claims depending from claim 22 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Amended claim 30 includes all the limitations of claim 26, Applicants have also amended dependent claims 29 and 32 to modify the dependency so as to depend from independent claim 30. Claims 31 and 33 remain as originally filed. Claim 30 and all the claims depending from it are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 42 has been amended including all the limitations of claim 39, Applicants have also amended dependent claims 40, 46 and 47 to modify the dependency so as to depend from independent claim 42. Claim 41 has been cancelled and claims 43-45 remain as originally filed. Claim 42 and all the claims depending from it are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-8, 13-20, 25-28, 34-39 and 41 are cancelled.

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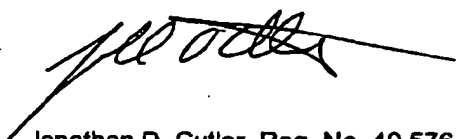
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Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that all of the currently pending claims are allowable, and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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